

To: Region 3 ExCom
Cc: Region 3 Committee
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The Strategic Operations and Support Committee (SOSC) had its most recent meeting on 2 August 2021.

Bill Ratcliff, who chairs the R3 IDEA (Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity in Action) Ad Hoc reported on progress to the committee providing both status information as well as signaling an intent to do several surveys over the next few months.

The group also began discussing approaches for supporting Professional Activities as the IEEE-USA funding ceases in 2022.

As reported last month, the MGA Board has approved the changes to the Region 3 Bylaws. The update to the Bylaws and an update to the Operations Manual for the components of the approved Operations Manual that were contingent on the Bylaw changes have been posted to the Region 3 Website. Some of the changes to the Operations Manual don't take effect until 2022.

The committee then received and discussed reports from the mentors of the various Region 3 Committees. The committee (and function) mentors are

- Awards and Recognition Committee - Gregg Vaughn
- Member Communications Committee - Bill Ratcliff
- Conference Committee - Jim Conrad
- Finance Committee - Dave Green
- Section Support Committee - Mary Ellen Randall and Bill Ratcliff
- Professional Activities Committee - Theresa Brunasso
- Student Activities Committee - Pat Donohoe
- Membership Recruitment/Retention Function - Lee Stogner
- Area Chairs: Theresa Brunasso

Please keep these volunteer mentors in the loop and make use of their corporate memory and experience.

The next meeting of the SOSC will be on 30 August 2021. The meeting is a week early since our normal meeting date is Labor Day.